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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, PK, CVIS (BHUTTO, MIR MURTAZ)  
SUBJECT: NIV POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 93085 (B) LONDON 05725 (C) KARACHI 1666

1. WE HAVE NOT SEEN REF (A) AND THEREFORE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE IN MIND IN THIS CASE.

2. HOWEVER, AS A GENERAL MATTER OF NIV POLICY, THIS MISSION  
HAS BEEN GRANTING NIVS TO PAKISTANIS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR  
TRAVEL SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT US  
LAW AND WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF PAKISTAN POLITICAL SCENE. WE  
BELIEVE THAT IS THE ONLY VIABLE, LONG-TERM APPROACH, AND  
ASSUMING OTHER NIV REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, WE WOULD GRANT NIVS TO  
THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION HAD THEY APPLIED IN PAKISTAN.  
FACT THAT THEY ARE NOW OUTSIDE PAKISTAN AND MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE  
BEEN PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ABROAD WERE THEY HERE DOES NOT CHANGE  
OUR VIEW.

3. BEYOND THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO DENY  
NIVS TO THESE THREE ON ANY PRETEXT WHICH WOULD LAY US OPEN TO  
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ALLEGATION THAT WE DO NOT WISH THEM TO LOBBY AGAINST BHUTTO  
VERDICT/SENTENCE IN US. AS DEPT. AWARE, WE ARE SUSPECTED BY MANY  
OF HAVING BROUGHT BHUTTO DOWN AND BROUGHT GEN. ZIA IN. OUR  
APPEAL TO GOP TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON OUR  
BILATE

L RELATIONS OF A BHUTTO EXECUTION WHEN THEY CONSIDER  
POSSIBILITY OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY HAS BEEN WIDELY READ

(CORRECTLY) AS AN APPEAL AGAINST THE SENTENCE, NOT THE VERDICT.  
(LIKE OURS, THIS HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF NEARLY ALL THE FOREIGN  
APPEALS.) THIS HAS SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE IN PAKISTAN IN  
DIFFUSING THIS ALLEGATION OF USG ANTI-BHUTTO BIAS WHICH WOULD BE  
LOST WERE WE NOW TO APPEAR TO DENY BHUTTO SUPPORTERS LEGITIMATE  
VISITORS' VISAS TO THE US FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE  
CASE WITH US CITIZENS.

4. ASSUMING NIVS ARE GRANTED WE WOULD WISH TO BE IN A POSITION TO  
BE ABLE TO INFORM MFA HERE (OR ALTERNATIVELY FOR DEPARTMENT TO  
INFORM PAKISTAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON) AS A MATTER OF COURTESY.  
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MURTAZA BHUTTO AND KHAR HAVE ALREADY  
VISITED LIBYA TO REQUEST QADDHAFI'S SUPPORT AND THAT THIS VISIT,  
AS WELL AS THEIR PLANS TO VISIT THE US, HAS APPEARED IN THE PRESS  
HERE (REF. C.)  
IT SHOULD BE NOTED FURTHER THAT THERE ARE NO  
FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST M. BHUTTO OR KHAR (ABBASI IS AN UNKNOWN).  
AFTER KHAR LEFT PAKISTAN, HOWEVER, THE GOP ISSUED PAPERS  
REQUESTING HIS APPEARANCE IN COURT IN CONNECTION WITH A  
POLITICALLY-INSPIRED FIRING INCIDENT IN 1973 WHILE HE WAS  
GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB.  
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